GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF TEA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of tea in Southern States has been declining steadily;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the United Planters Association of India has expressed concern over this declining trend; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this direction to improve the quality of land to check the declining trend in the production of tea in Southern States?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. Production of tea in South India during the year 2000 was 204.5 m.kgs as compared to 201.3 m.kgs in the year 1999 registering an increase of 3.2 m.kgs.

(c) &(d): Government/Tea Board receive from time to time representations from United Planters Association of Southern India on various problems and prospects of the Tea Industry in South India, but nothing in particular has been received expressing concern over declining trend in production of tea in South India.